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FOR NEA DEPUTY ASST SEC SOBER

FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA ACTION SECSTATE TEHRAN LONDON
ISLAMABAD MAY 10.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 3569

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E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: CENTO, MILI, OCON
SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CENTO EXERCISE ZANJEER

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4058, (B) STATE 104881, (C) ANKARA 3478

1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY TEHRAN'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST US
IN MONITORING ZANJEER, AND WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE
CONSTRAINTS AT THIS TIME. AS TIME CAN BE SPARED FROM
MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES, LA PORTA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
PROVIDE U.S. POL-MIL INPUT INTO ZANJEER WHICH,
COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF (CMPS) OFFICER HAS TOLD
US, MAY INVOLVE TWO HOURS TIME DAILY IN EARLY DAYS OF
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EXERCISE. ALSO, CMPS OFFICER HAS SAID ZANJEER WILL BE
HELD AT IRANIAN STAFF COLLEGE IN DOWNTOWN TEHRAN WHICH
MAY BE CONVENIENT TO BOTH EMBASSY AND SITE OF MINISTERIAL.
NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT EMBASSY TEHRAN COULD
ASSIST IN MONITORING ZANJEER ON PART-TIME BASIS AFTER
END OF MINISTERIAL AND LA PORTA'S SCHEDULED DEPARTURE
ON MAY 16.

2. REGARDING PUBLICITY ASPECT OF ZANJEER PER REF B,
WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH CMPS AND HAVE REVIEWED PRESS
RELEASES SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED AT BEGINNING AND END
OF EXERCISE, E.E. ON MAY 12 AND MAY 25. THERE IS NO
RPT NO LINKAGE OF ZANJEER WITH MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES
IN PRESS RELEASES AND THEY ARE LOW-KEY AND PRO FORMA.
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